

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

JULIA ROSSI, DELILAH PARKER and
KELVIN HOLMES, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

V.

CLAIRE'S STORES, INC.; CLAIRE'S
BOUTIQUES, INC.; and CBI
DISTRIBUTING CORP.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:20-cv-05090

Hon. Andrea R. Wood, presiding
Hon. Magistrate Heather K. McShain

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

Plaintiffs Julia Rossi, Delilah Parker, and Kevin Holmes (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendants Claire’s Stores, Inc., Claire’s Boutiques, Inc., and CBI Distributing Corp. (collectively, “Defendants,” and, collectively with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this joint status report.

Pursuant to the Court's order staying Defendants' motion to dismiss briefing and substantive discovery pending mediation (ECF No. 39), the Parties participated in a private mediation with an experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, Esq., on March 23, 2021. After a lengthy, full-day mediation session of hard fought, arm's-length negotiations, the Parties reached a settlement in principle to resolve this class action on a nationwide basis.

The Parties anticipate that they will need approximately 45 days to draft and finalize the terms of their settlement agreement and exhibits, and for Plaintiffs to prepare their motion for preliminary approval of settlement. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request that the Court vacate

the remaining briefing deadlines for Defendants' motion to dismiss and set May 17, 2021 as the deadline for Plaintiffs to file a motion for preliminary approval of settlement, including the Parties' executed settlement agreement and related exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTESTATION OF FILER

I hereby attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from the above signatories.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 30, 2021, the foregoing Joint Status Report and Notice of Settlement in Principle was electronically filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all attorneys of record.

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